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POEMS.

IKONS.

I.

My thoughts
Are little, silver fishes jumping in a row,
Little fishes leaping upon a black cloth
With a shark behind them.
O yellow eyes in the black sea!

Too deep lurk the great fishes,
I cannot sense them.

II.

I have spun me a chain of water
And about my throat I have bound it,
And a pendant of sand I have made
And hung it upon my breast,
And a cross from it.

For there is a sea that is like a lurking emerald,
And my soul is a river of black water that runs
Down to that sea.

III.

The eyes of evil men are like onyx or amber,
A necklace of stone tight round the throats of women.

Alas for the tears of evil men . . .
Black pearls upon a tablet of silver.

THE BLIND MAN.

He sits in the sun and warms
The blind eyes of him
In the light of it.